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09/20/2012 Minutes

SA meeting minutes: Sept 20, 2012

Present: Shelly Dein, DeAnne Dupont, Dave Haas, Ryan Katofsky, David Landskov, Charlotte Milan (recording)

Solarize update:

676 initial signups
 pace of 30-40 a week
 distributed

- 300 site visits
- 20+ are feasible
- 15 contracts signed for 70 KWh
- likely over 120 KWh now
- close to tier 4 which is 150KWh
- on pace to sign 2-3 contract per day until the end of the month
- 100+ contracts in peoples' hands
- program will be extended: sign up ends in Sept, tier pricing will be based on where we get to on Sept 30, contracts need to be signed by Oct 31
- celebration planning- will ask Solarflair to help pay for this, get volunteers together sooner

EcoFest:

- Open Space
- Working group will form later in the fall

Master Planning Process:

- Working group could help have a summary of a goal to present to other groups, how can we influence the planning process? What is our vision of how we can work together? Why SA feels it's good to be involved? How are others groups' missions impacted by climate change? How does climate adaptation affect what each group is most concerned about? Where are there opportunities to sustain this effort? What are our common goals?
- Working group can address next steps
- Charlotte, Gail, Dave H, interested

Energy Working Group

- Arlington applied for competitive Green Communities grant, which was successful and will be used to renovate HVAC on 6th floor in high school, and the rest will be used for variable speed drives in 5 schools and the Robbins Library
- Retro commissioning at the library- very complex building systems at the library, sort of like a giant tune up; no payback on this, funding will come from DPW's Green Repair Fund, should get a utility rebate
- Thompson is being built "solar ready" which allows them to get high performance building standard points, the idea is to issue an RFP for a power purchase agreement
- Property that is located on a municipal building cannot benefit an individual so these locations cannot be considered for a community solar farm
- Energy manager position has not been developed, this position will be shared with Bedford, Arlington would have 2 day a week position, held up as both communities work out the details, Dpt Town Manager Andrew is somewhat familiar with energy issues
- DOER requires every community to report more fully on zoning, stretch code, etc compliance/progress>> to assess that the impact of the green communities program (we're assuming/presuming here)

The Food Project of Minuteman Parent Association and Sustainable Arlington

- Working with Town (Christine Connelly) to supply a mini pantry and to provide the Town groups with snacks for their meetings
- Nonprofits can contact DeAnne directly to have snacks provided
- DeAnne can present slide show at November meeting

Meeting to honor Jane Howard, longtime co-chair of Vision 2020

-David suggested we recognize her

-logo with Thank You and signed by us

Next meeting is scheduled for 17th, change to week before, Thursday Oct 11 or Wed Oct 10

Our input Vision 2020 Goals:

- Regional and global connection should be more front and central, always seeing our activities in the larger scale
- Our actions are local, but on global issues
- How we interact with the town staff, other groups, government and neighboring communities on the town's energy and environmental footprint